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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Pending claims

Claims 1-34 as filed are pending.

The Restriction Requirement

The Patent Office has alleged that the pending claims of the application are directed to four separate and distinct inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

The instant application has been restricted to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-16 and 19-32, are drawn to methods and compositions of ameliorating cough comprising the local administration to the upper airways of a cannabinoid compound of formula I, II, III, IV and V, classified in class 514, subclass 850.

II. Claim 17, drawn to a method of selectively activating CBI cannabinoid receptors of the upper respiratory airways, comprising locally administering to a subject in need of such treatment a cannabinoid compound of formula I, II, III or any combination thereof, classified in class 424, subclass 184.1.

III. Claim 18, drawn to a method of ameliorating cough comprising the local administration to the upper airways of a patient in need of such treatment, wherein the cannabinoid compound is sensitive to metabolic inactivation by transport or hydrolysis, causing clinically insignificant systemic side effects, classified in class 514, subclass 922.

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IV. Claims 33-34, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a cannabinoid inactivation inhibitor of formula IV, V or any combination thereof, classified in class 514, subclass 625.

The Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-16 and 19-32, drawn to a methods and compositions of ameliorating cough comprising the local administration to the upper airways of a cannabinoid compound of formula I, II, III, IV, and V.

Applicant believes that no additional fee is required for submission of this Response. However, if such a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 06-1050. Please credit any overpayment to the above-noted Deposit Account.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858 678 5070.

Respectfully submitted,

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